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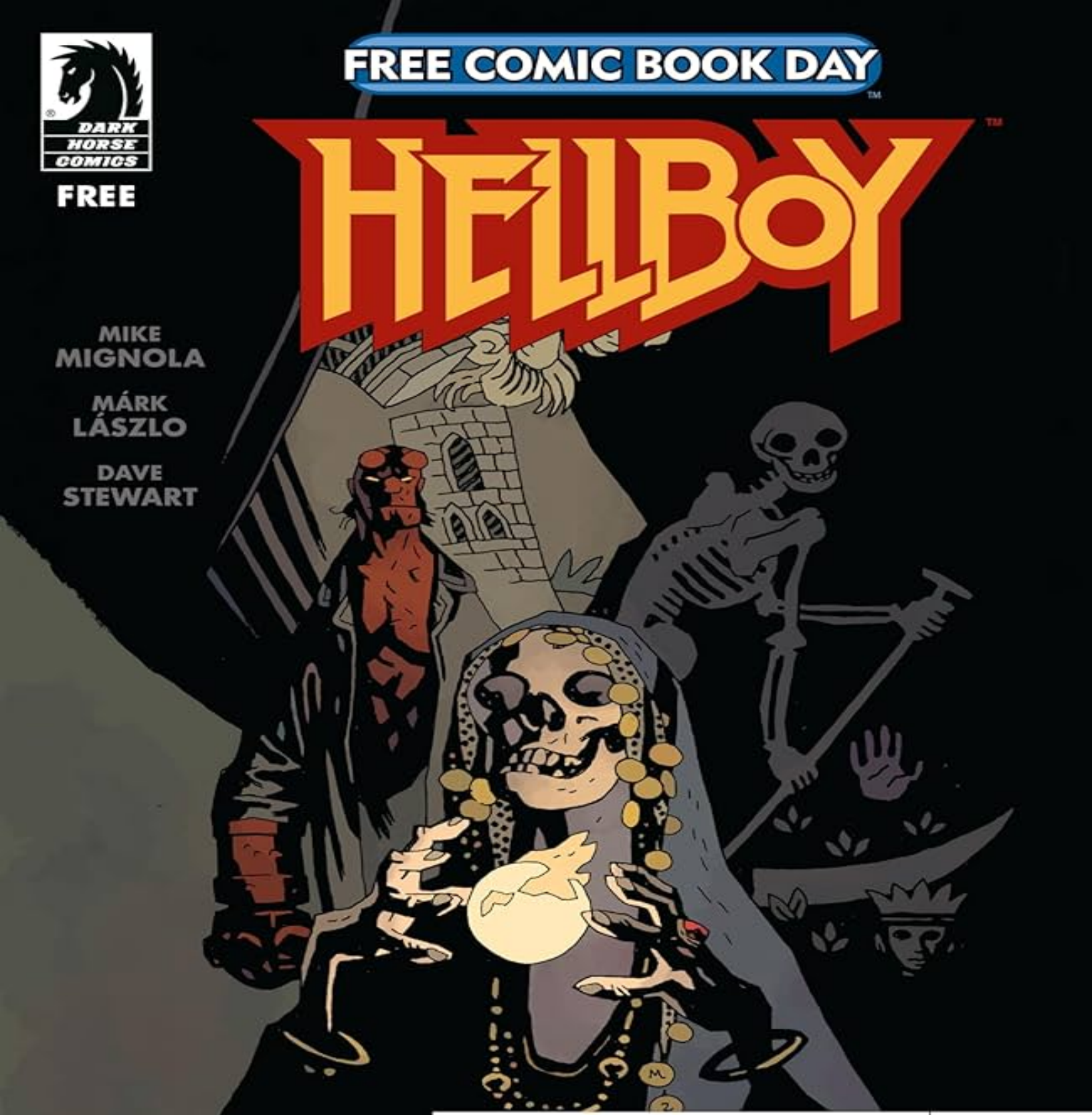

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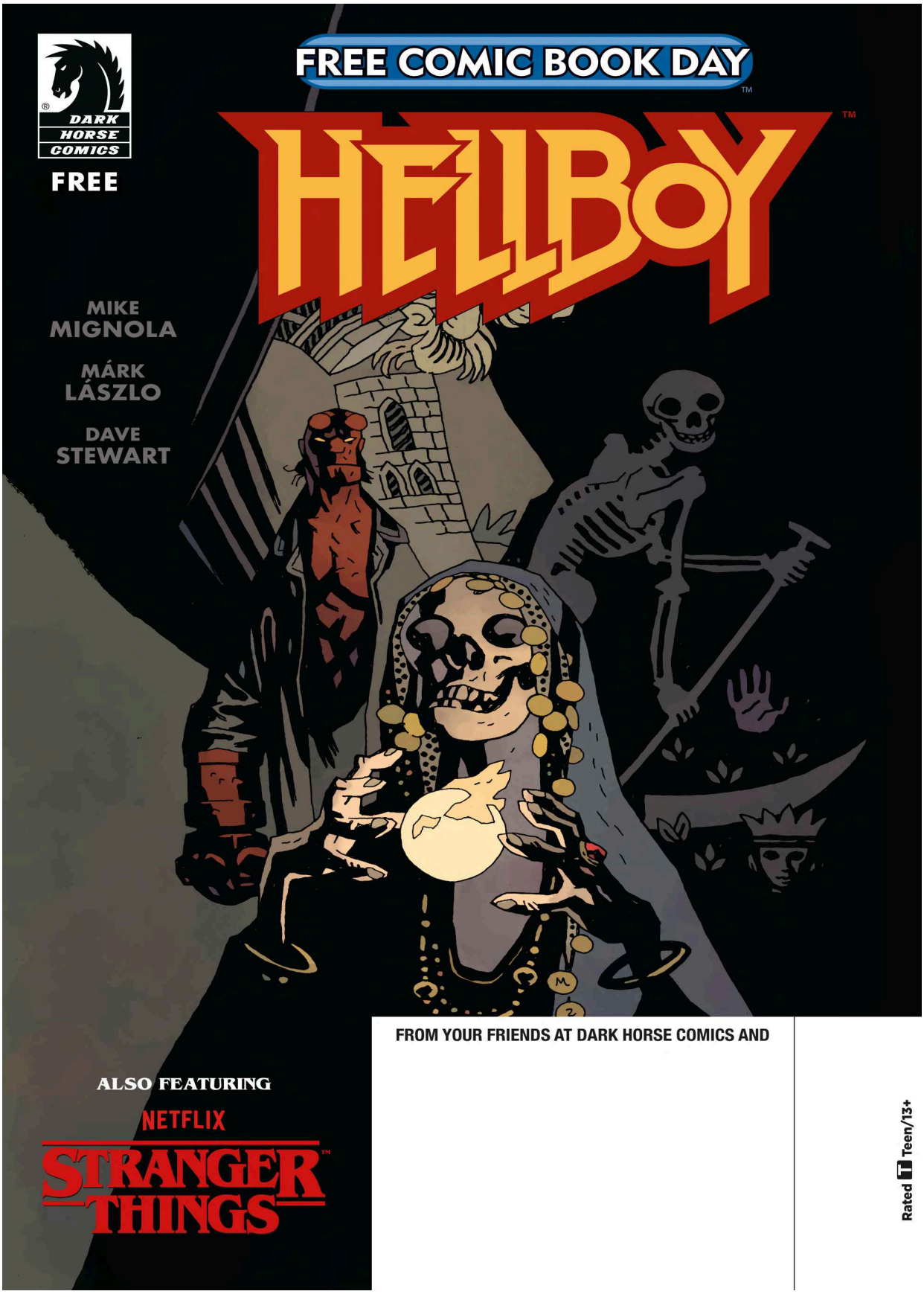
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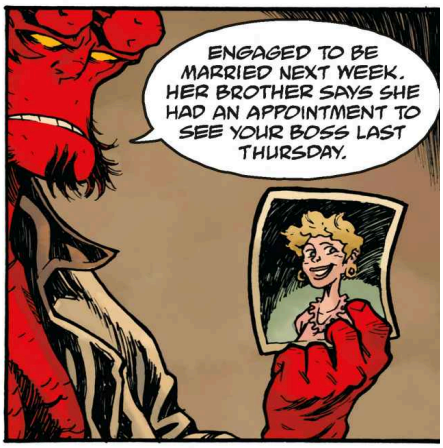
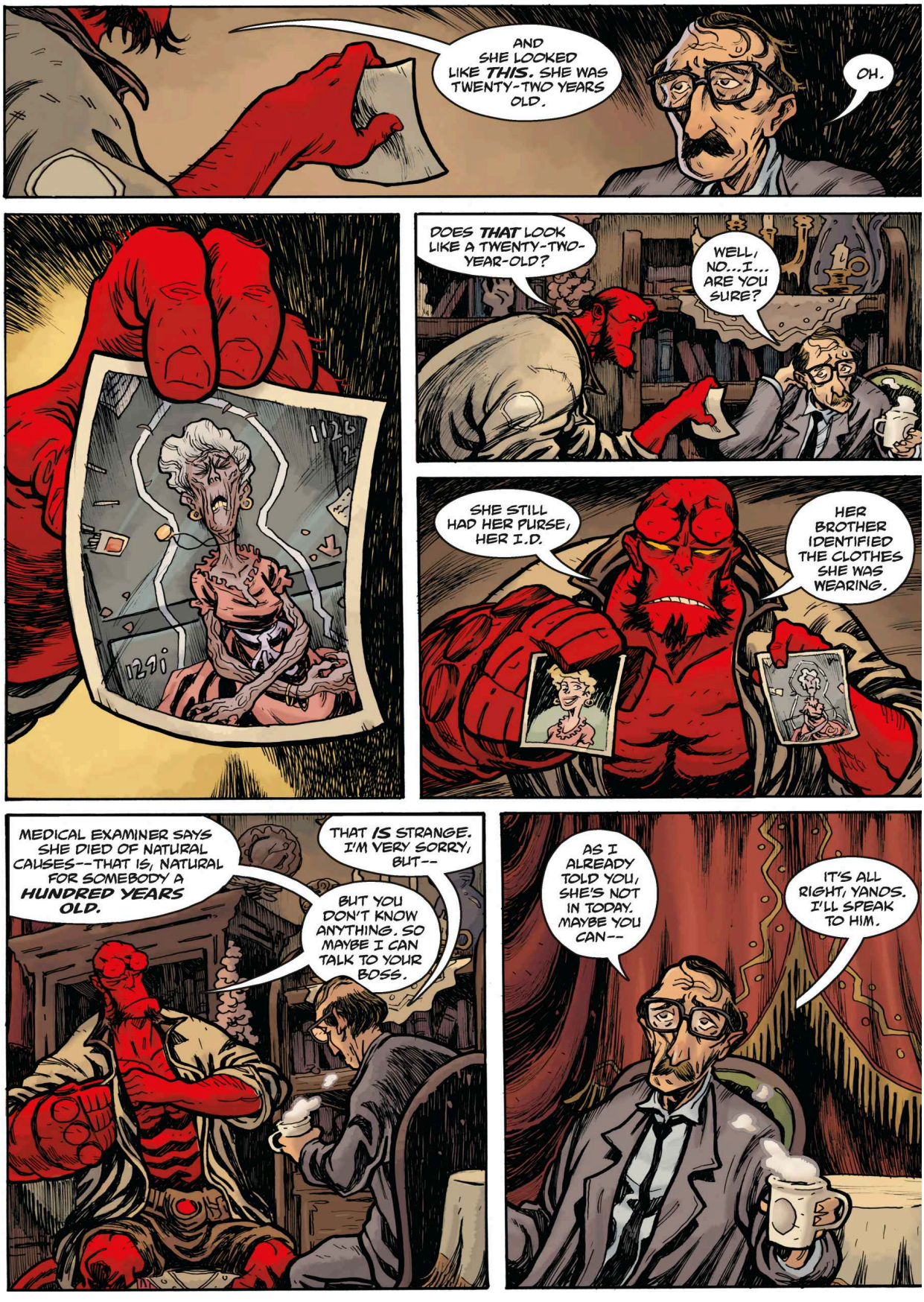
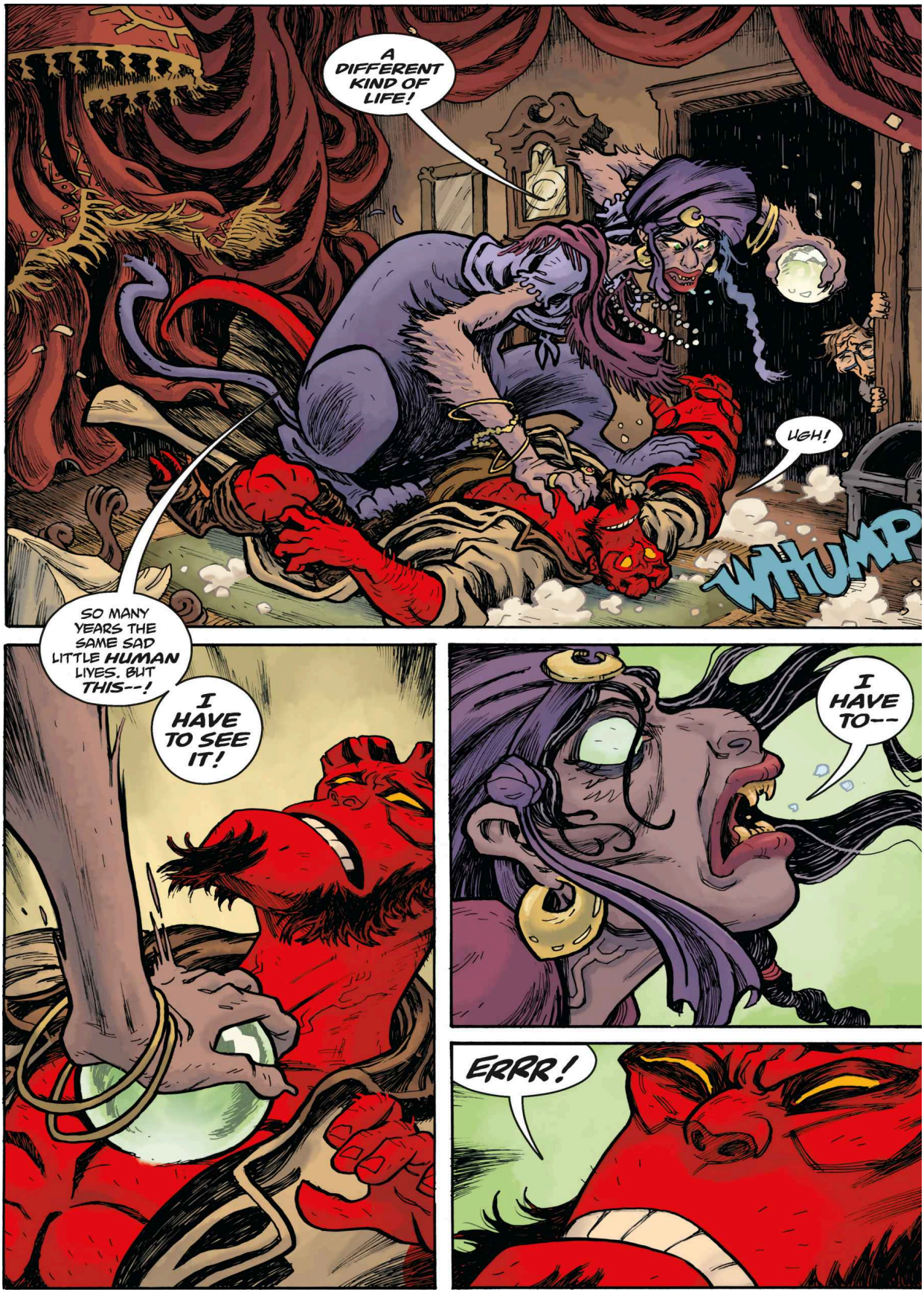



AND SHE LOOKED LIKE THIS. SHE WAS TWENTY-TWO YEARS OLD.
OH.
DOES THAT LOOK LIKE A TWENTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD?
WELL, NO...I... ARE YOU SURE?
SHE STILL HAD HER PURSE, HER I.D.
HER BROTHER IDENTIFIED THE CLOTHES SHE WAS WEARING.
MEDICAL EXAMINER SAYS SHE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES--THAT IS, NATURAL FOR SOMEBODY A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.
THAT IS STRANGE. I'M VERY SORRY, BUT--
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING. SO MAYBE I CAN TALK TO YOUR BOSS.
AS I ALREADY TOLD YOU, SHE'S NOT IN TODAY. MAYBE YOU CAN--
IT'S ALL RIGHT, YANOS. I'LL SPEAK TO HIM.

MISS...?
URRESCA, WHO SEES ALL.
COME CLOSER.
SEES ALL...DID YOU SEE HER?
YES, SHE WAS HERE.
SO MANY LIKE HER THESE DAYS--HUNGRY--DESPERATE. THEY WANT SO MUCH AND I SHARE MY GIFT.
I GIVE THEM WHAT THEY COME FOR AND IN RETURN--I TAKE JUST A LITTLE FROM THEM.
A LITTLE... MONEY?
SOME MONEY, BUT ALSO JUST A LITTLE BIT OF LIFE.
MAYBE WE SHOULD--
IT'S FINE.
A LITTLE OF THEIR LIFE--A YEAR OR TWO OFF THAT BACK END. NOTHING TO BE MISSED.
REALLY...

HOW?
THE CRYSTAL. OLD EVEN BEFORE CARTHAGE, BEFORE TROY...
WE MEET THROUGH THE CRYSTAL AND I SEE INTO THEM, FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE.
WHO THEY WERE... WHO THEY WILL BE...
SEE FOR YOUR-SELF.
LADY, I--
GO ON. I HAVE BEEN HONEST WITH YOU. I HAVE GIVEN AND NOW YOU MUST.
NOTHING LIKE YOU HAS EVER COME TO ME...
NOW, FINALLY, A DIFFERENT KIND OF--

WHOA! I DON'T THINK--
YES!
JEEZ!
SNICK
COOL YOUR JETS, LADY!
AAAAAA
AAAHHH!

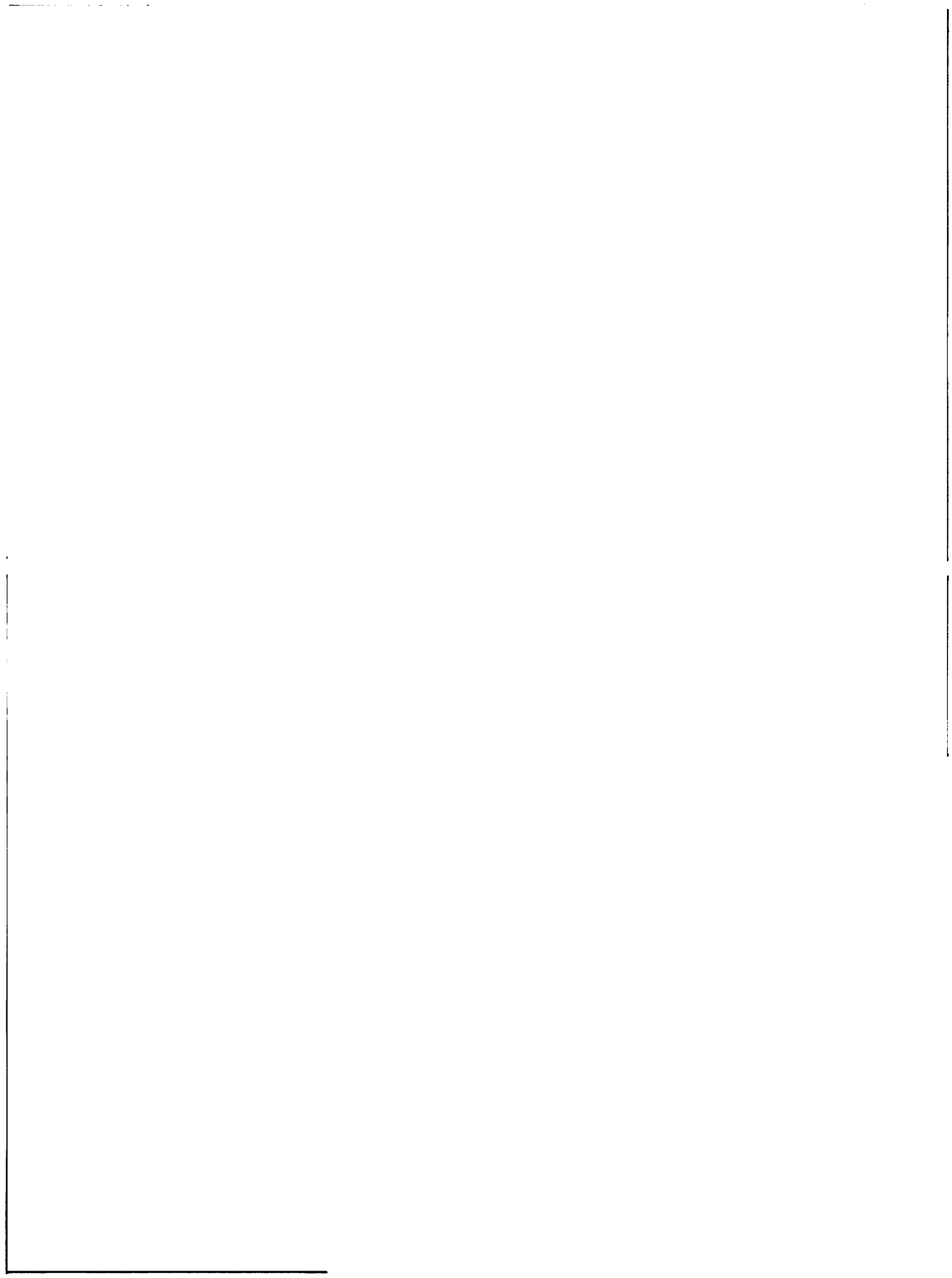

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LIFE!
UGH!
WHUMP
SO MANY YEARS THE SAME SAD LITTLE HUMAN LIVES. BUT THIS--!
I HAVE TO SEE IT!
I HAVE TO--
ERRR!

I SEE YOU.

HELLBOY

FIGHT THEM, HELLBOY!
YAAAAH!

ERRR!
HISSSSS



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HELLBOY
HELL
WAMM
IF THIS WAS MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR, I'LL UNDER-STAND.
ARE YOU KIDDING?
BUT... THIS IS A LIE.
THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU WERE MEANT TO BE.
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW?
LADY... I DON'T...

YOU WERE CALLED TO STAND BESIDE ME AT RAGNA ROK-- TO COMMAND THE POWER I SHALL UNLEASH UPON THE WORLD.
MY FAVORITE SON.
YOU WILL. SOON.
ACCEPT THE TRUTH OF YOUR EXISTENCE OR BE DESTROYED!
GAAAA!

WE KNOW WHAT YOU ARE, AND THE DEVIL WILL NEVER SIT ON THE THRONE OF ENGLAND.
SON OF A...
SHIIING
AAAAAA
HELLBOY...
IF I'M BOUND FOR HELL...

I WILL NOT GO...
ALONE.
YIKES.
DID YOU SEE WHAT SHE SAW?
NO BUT IT HURT LIKE HELL.
I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING.
GOOD. THE FUTURE SHOULD UNFOLD IN ITS PROPER TIME, AT ITS OWN PACE.
YEAH.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, PAL?
I WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. I WASN'T HERE THAT DAY AND SHE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO SEE CLIENTS WHEN I'M OUT BECAUSE SOMETIMES...SHE WOULD GET GREEDY.
WHEN SHE WOULD GET LIKE THAT I COULD USUALLY CALM HER DOWN, BUT...
WHAT WAS SHE?
I DON'T KNOW. I FOUND HER UNDER A HOUSE IN ISTANBUL, A LONG TIME AGO.
ALL THOSE YEARS TOGETHER...WHAT'S TO BECOME OF ME NOW?
URRESCA...
URRES...
WELL, THERE YOU GO.
THE END

ANOTHER FINE NIGHT FOR SOME TASTY PIES.
DON'T WORRY, MY DOUGH BROS. I'LL GET YOU THERE FAST. THAT'S A SURFER BOY GUARANTEE.
Surfer Boy Pizza
Pizza
COUGH COUGH
BYERS?
HEYYYY ARGYLE...
ARE THOSE FOR ME? I AM KINDA HUNGRY.
HOT PIZZA
HOT PIZZA
NO CAN DO, BRO. THESE PIES ARE SPOKEN FOR.
NOW HOP UP FRONT. WE GOTTA HIT ONE LAST DELIVERY TONIGHT.
HANG LOOSE AND HANG ON, DUDE. THING'S ARE ABOUT TO GET GNARLY.
SKREEEEECH
SURF'S UP!!
GLUDD

WHERE ARE WE?
FAR OUT, MAN. FAAAAR OUT. BUT FIRST, SOME SWEET SOUNDS.
YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH THE BOYS AT THE BEACH. BUT I PREFER MY SURF ROCK WITH A SIDE OF REGGAE.
YOU GOT DIRECTIONS, RIGHT?
THAT'S YOUR JOB, MAN. DON'T HATE... NAVIGATE!
OPEN MY BOX OF WONDERS TO FIND THE TREASURE WITHIN.
WHUMP
THIS IS A MAP TO THE UNITED STATES.
THAT'S WHERE WE ARE, MAN.
BUT WE NEED A RESIDENTIAL MAP!
UNITED
NO WORRIES, BROCHACHO. I WROTE IT DOWN ON A NAPKIN. IT'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.
HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
LOOKOUT!!

SKREEEEECH
Surfer Boy Pizza
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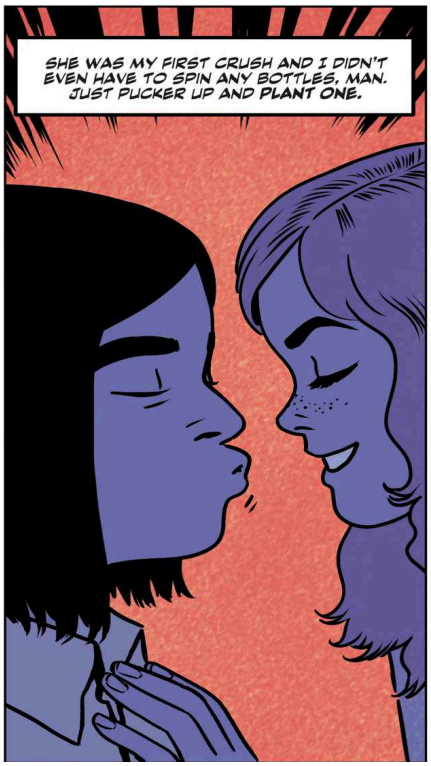
THAT WAS... TOO CLOSE.
BET THAT COYOTE GETS TO SHMACKIN' SOME ROAD RUNNERS TONIGHT.
YA KNOW, THIS REMINDS ME OF THAT TIME I FACED MY OWN FURRY FREAK...

IT HAPPENED, LIKE, TEN YEARS AGO. AT MY COUSIN AMADO'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.
THE WHOLE FAMILIA WAS THERE. AUNTIES AND UNCLES I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I HAD.
THAT CAKE WAS PRETTY RAD, THOUGH.
MY COUSIN GOT A MAD STACK OF GIFTS TO CRACK OPEN.
I'M SURE HE GOT SOME WAY COOL SCHWAG. BUT I WASN'T FEELING IT, SO I BAILED.
BESIDES, I FOUND SOMETHING EVEN MORE WICKED...

IT WAS A CHUPACABRA, BRO!
YEAH DUDE, IT WAS WAY UGLY. ALL FUR AND TEETH.
BEFORE I COULD RUN, IT KNOCKED ME OVER.
BUT YOU KNOW ME. I'M NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.
SO I TOTALLY WENT CANSECO ON IT. I SWUNG FOR THE FENCES.
SHOWED THAT GOAT SUCKER WHO WAS BOSS.
THAT'S THE TRUTH, MAN. I TOTALLY FOUGHT OFF A CHUPY!
BUT NO ONE EVER BELIEVES AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD.

Surfer Boy Pizza
COME TO THINK OF IT, THEY DON'T BELIEVE YOU AT TWELVE, EITHER.
THERE WAS THIS OTHER TIME, BACK IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AHH... SUZIE Q! GIRL OF MY DREAMS.

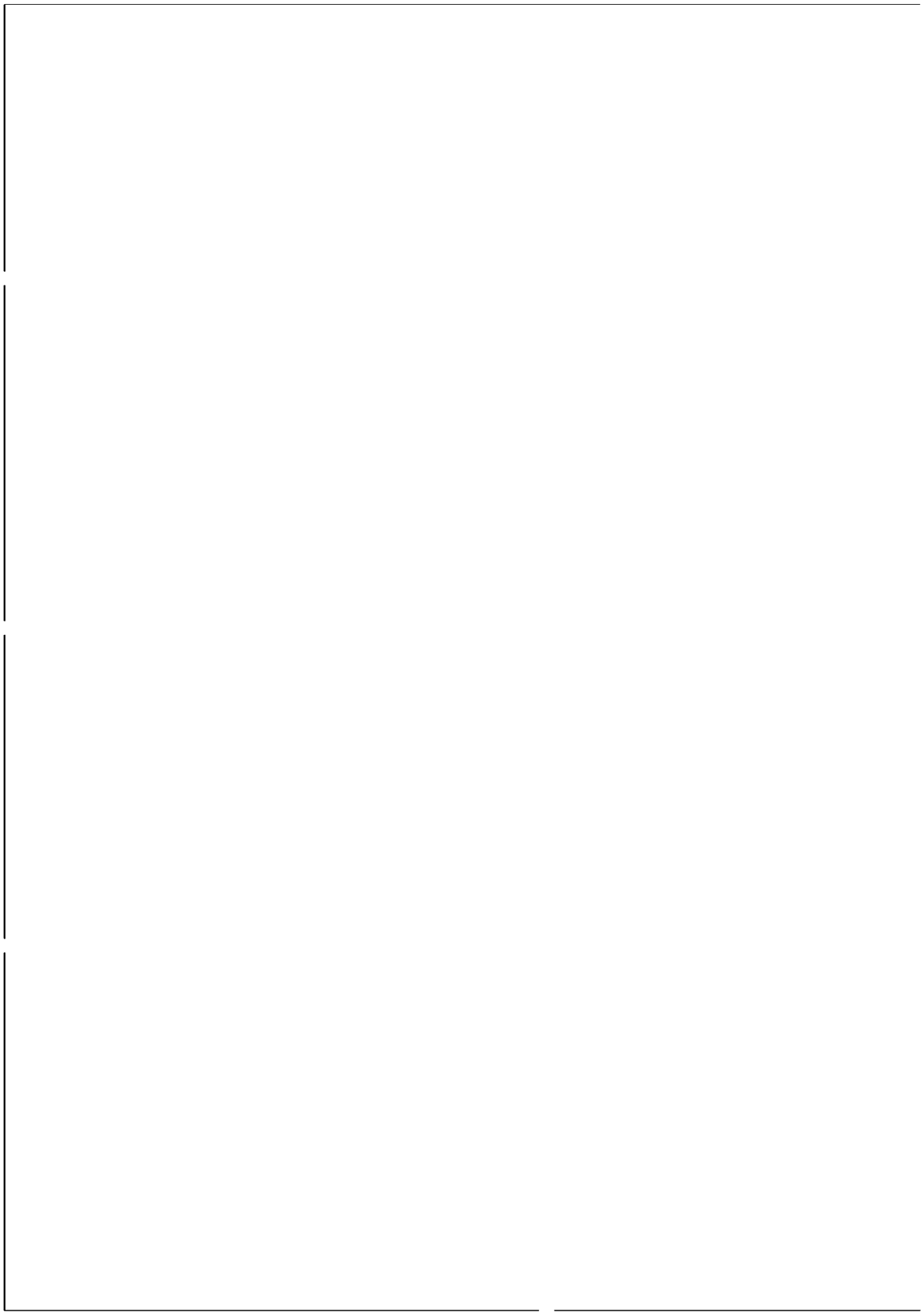
ME AND THIS CUTIE DITCHED CLASS FOR SOME ALONE TIME.

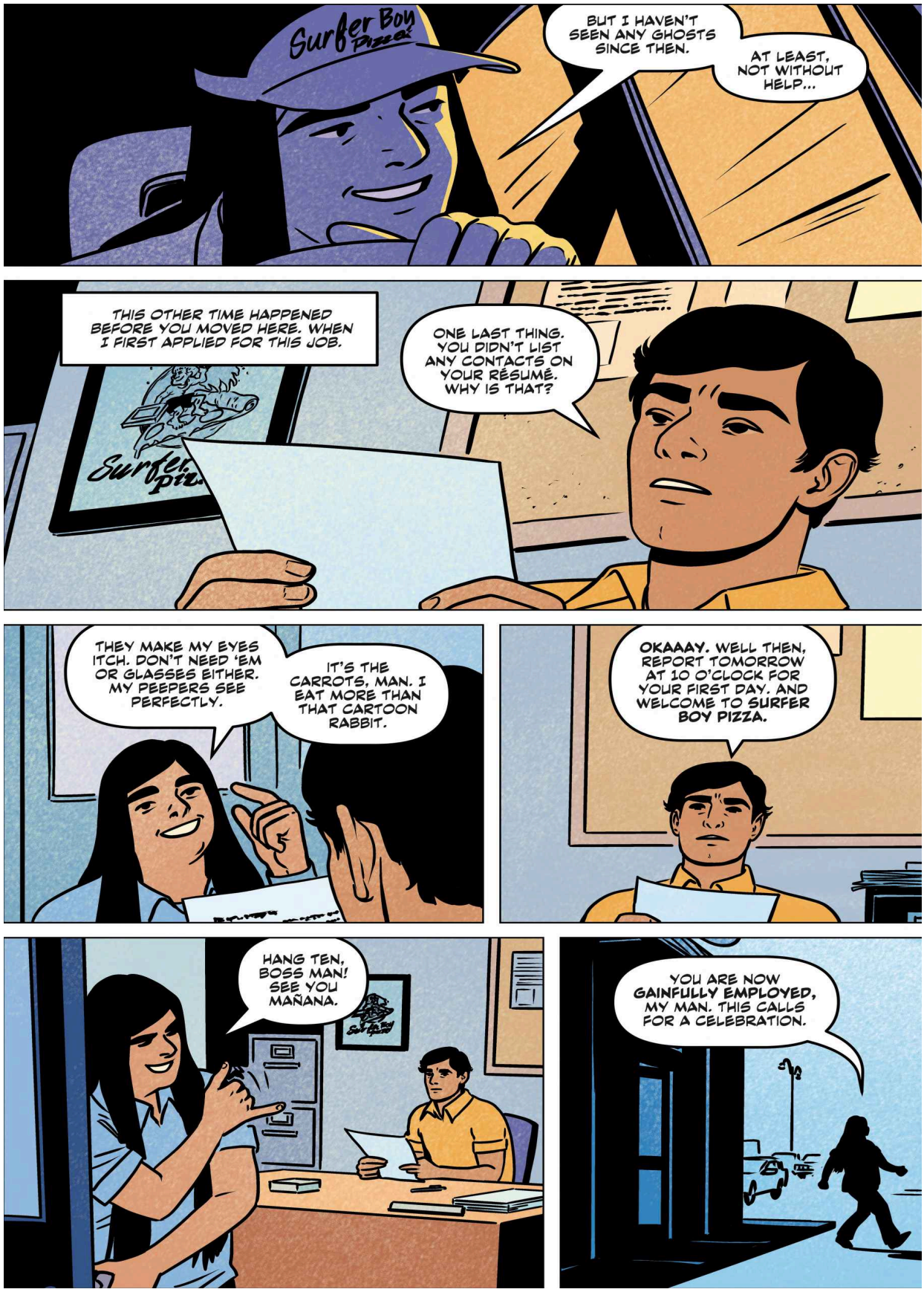

SHE WAS MY FIRST CRUSH AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TO SPIN ANY BOTTLES, MAN. JUST PUCKER UP AND PLANT ONE.

INSTEAD I JUST WIPED OUT, RIGHT ON THAT SLIPPERY FLOOR. ALL BECAUSE OF THAT HAUNTED HALLWAY.
SHWACK

AND THE WAILING SOUND OUTSIDE.
WAAAAAIIIIIIIIL

IT WAS LA LLORONA, MAN! JUST LIKE THOSE GHOST STORIES TOLD TO SCARE US AS KIDS.
THE OLD LADY THAT DROWNED HER CHILDREN. AND WAS LOOKING TO DO THE SAME TO US!
SNIFFLE
BUT SHE'D HAVE TO CATCH US FIRST.
THAT'S WHEN MISS DOWNERS SHOWED UP. PERFECT NAME FOR MY TEACHER.
I TRIED TO EXPLAIN, BUT SHE WASN'T HAVING ANY OF IT.
EVEN SUZIE CLAMMED UP. IT BROKE MY HEART.
SUZIE WENT BACK TO CLASS. AND I GOT SENT TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.
PRINCIPAL
LOVE HURTS, MAN.

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BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY GHOSTS SINCE THEN.
AT LEAST, NOT WITHOUT HELP...
THIS OTHER TIME HAPPENED BEFORE YOU MOVED HERE. WHEN I FIRST APPLIED FOR THIS JOB.
ONE LAST THING. YOU DIDN'T LIST ANY CONTACTS ON YOUR RÉSUMÉ. WHY IS THAT?
THEY MAKE MY EYES ITCH. DON'T NEED 'EM OR GLASSES EITHER. MY PEEPERS SEE PERFECTLY.
IT'S THE CARROTS, MAN. I EAT MORE THAN THAT CARTOON RABBIT.
OKAAAY. WELL THEN, REPORT TOMORROW AT 10 O'CLOCK FOR YOUR FIRST DAY. AND WELCOME TO SURFER BOY PIZZA.
HANG TEN, BOSS MAN! SEE YOU MAÑANA.
YOU ARE NOW GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, MY MAN. THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION.

YOU KNOW WHAT CONFUSES ME? WHY DO THEY ALWAYS ASK IF IT'S "BUSINESS OR PLEASURE"?
I SAY, BUSINESS IS MY PLEASURE. AND IT'S A PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS.
SILENCE!!!
GAZE UPON MY WORKS. THE SMOKE FROM THE MIRROR. THE KNOWER OF THOUGHTS AND HEARTS.
I AM QUETZALCÓATL!
RIGHT ON. YOU HERE FOR THE JOB INTERVIEW TOO?
KA-KLUNK
HEY, YOU JUST SEE A SNAKE FLY OUTTA HERE?
NAW, BRAH. JUST YOU TALKING TO YOUR HAND.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA TELL THE BOSS, ARE YA?
WE'RE COOL, BRAH.

TALKING SNAKES...
YEAH, I'M NOT EVEN SURE THAT LAST ONE HAPPENED --
SNORT
BUT THE REST TOTALLY DID. HONEST!
FINE, BRO. YOUR TURN. SO LAY IT ON ME.
YOU EVER EXPERIENCE ANYTHING WEIRD LIKE THAT?
YEAH. SURE I HAVE.
I MEAN, WHO HASN'T EXPERIENCED SOMETHING STRANGE.

I THINK WE'RE ALL AFRAID OF THE DARK.
THOSE THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT.
IN THAT BLACKNESS, YOUR MIND CAN PLAY TRICKS ON YOU.
SO I TRY NOT TO LOOK.

DUUUUDE... THAT'S DEEP.
Surfer Boy Pizza
HEY!
NO POSTERIOR MOTIVE IMPLIED. YOU WERE SITTING ON THE DIRECTIONS THE WHOLE TIME.
YOINK
WE'RE HERE, BRO. THE NIGHTMARE IS OFFICIALLY OVER.
HOT PIZZA
HOT PIZZA
HOT PIZZA
I HOPE SO. I REALLY DO.
BECAUSE SOME STORIES AREN'T WORTH RELIVING.